

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2003, in which Claims 1 through 20 were rejected. Applicant has thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the reference cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action and, when coupled with the amendments made herein, are believed to render all claims at issue patentably distinguishable over the cited references.

In this specification, the first paragraph of page 3, the first paragraph of page 8, second paragraph of page 9, line 9 of page 10, first paragraph of page 10, first paragraph of page 11, and first paragraph of page 12 have been minor editorial problem. In addition, the first paragraph of page 3, reference number 500 has been deleted.

In amended FIG. 2, the reference number "840" is replaced with --870--, and the reference number "950" represented the region, which is used to deal with the waste gas... (Page 11, first paragraph, line 9-10 of the specification).

In addition to changes to the specification and to the drawings, Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, 17, and 19 have been amended. Claims 8 and 16 have been cancelled. New Claims 21, 22 and 23 have been new added. Accordingly, Claims 1 through 7, 9 through 15, and 17 through 23 remain.

All the changes are made for clarification and are based on the application and drawings as originally filed. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

DRAWINGS OBJECTION

With respect to Paragraphs 1 through 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected Drawings.

The Examiner is of the opinion that the drawings, FIG. 1 does not include the reference number mentioned in the description. The Applicant has been deleted the reference number 500 on page 3, lines 16. Furthermore, the FIG. 2 does not include the reference number mentioned in the description. The Applicant has been amended the reference number "840" with --870--. In addition, the reference number 900 used to designate

gas-extracting apparatus, and the "gas-attracting apparatus" has been amended with --gas-extracting apparatus-- in page 8, line 22, and page 10, line 16. Thus, Applicant has been amended the typing error in the FIG. 1 and FIG. 2, so that there is no new matter should be entered.

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT - IN GENERAL

In brief, the main change to the specification is included in the Embodiment, which deleted reference number "500" after "on the monitor" in line 17 of page 3; added reference number "750" after "gas supplier" in line 15, "900" after apparatus" in line 18, replaced "gas-attracting apparatus" with "gas-extracting apparatus" in line 22, and added "480" after "gas-stream" in line 26 of page 8; replaced "270" with "200" after "the stage" in line 17, and added "250" after "wafer" in line 19 and 22 of page 9; added "400" after "first gas nozzle" in line 10, and replaced "gas-attracting apparatus" with "gas-extracting apparatus" in lines 15-16 of page 10; added "300" after "lens" in page 10; and added "480" after "gas stream" in lines 8, 11, and 18; added "400" after "first gas nozzle" in lines 9, and 15; added "450" after "second gas nozzle" in lines 9, and 15; added "250" after "wafer" in lines 9, and 11.

These changes for consideration are consistent with the

drawings as original filed. It is respectfully submitted that the change is clearly supported by the original drawings and description of the application, and therefore does not constitute any new matter.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS – IN GENERAL

In brief the main substantive changes to the claims include the amended the mistype "a" with --A-- in the preamble of the Claims 1, 9, and 17, and deleted recitation "and is used to exhaust said gas" and "and is used to produce a attraction to remove said gas" in Claim 1; deleted recitation "said first tube comprises a flow rate regulating valve" and added recitation --a first flow rate regulating valve fixed on said first gas nozzle-- in Claim 2; deleted recitation "said second tube comprises a flow rate regulating valve" and added recitation --a second flow rate regulating valve fixed on said second gas nozzle-- in Claim 3; deleted recitation "to exhaust said gas and comprises a first flow rate regulating valve" and "and is used to produce a attraction to remove said gas" in Claim 9; added --first-- before "flow rate regulating valve" in Claim 10; added --second-- before "flow rate regulating valve"; added recitation -- after "to supply a gas", -- in said gas stream-- after "to exhaust said gas"; and added new claims 21 through 23. It is respectfully submitted

that these changes are clearly supported by the description of the application,
and therefore do not constitute any new matter.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the
above amendments and the following remarks.

CLAIM REJECTIONS- 35 U.S.C. SECTION 112, 1ST PARAGRAPH

With respect to Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 through 20 as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claims contain subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant has amended the typographical errors and other mistakes to make the application comply with the enablement requirement.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. Section 112 has been overcome. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending Claims 1 through 7, 9 through 15, and 17 through 23 as currently presented are in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, please call the undersigned attorney at 248-433-7552 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding before issuing another action. The undersigned attorney is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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